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1. A watchtower has been built in the woods on the Czech side of the border about 1.5 kilometers north of Luden (48°54'N, 15°35'E) in the vicinity of Hill 516. The tower rises about 2 meters above the treetops.
2. A watchtower, 12-15 meters high, has been built north of Fratres (48°59'N, 15°21'E) about 400 meters from the Austrian border on Czech territory, Hill 557. On the Hill 557 bunker, a glass roof, measuring 3 x 1.5 meters, was put in on 2 October 1952.
3. A barbed wire entanglement has been put up about 200-500 meters from the Austrian border on the east side of the Sasswald, northwest of Lexnitz (48°59'N, 15°18'E). The entanglement runs eastward about 5 kilometers to the Schwarzenau (48°45'N, 15°16'E)-Zlabings (49°00'N, 15°21'E) railroad and westward about 1.5 kilometers from the Neu-Riegers (48°56'N, 15°27'E)-Piesling (48°58'N, 15°28'E) highway to the eastern edge of the Krokovitzerwald (48°58'N, 15°25'E).
4. A barbed wire entanglement has been put up in the border area of Harcegg (48°17'N, 16°55'E)-Gaenserndorf (48°20'N, 16°43'E). The entanglement stretches from the watchtower at the Thebensee (48°16'N, 16°58'E) railroad station south to the foot of the Arpad-Felsen (so-called Devin ruins) and lies about 300 meters from the Austro-Czech border. In addition, crates have been delivered by truck to the bunkers in this area.
5. A barbed wire entanglement has been put up about 1.5 kilometers north of the Unter-Markersdorf (48°43'N, 16°07'E)-Klein Tajach highway on Czech territory, running westward for about 300 meters. In this area the paths leading to the Austrian border have been left open in order that frontier land may be accessible.
6. The following border defenses have been built in the Mistelbach (48°34'N, 16°34'E) border area on Czech territory:
 - a. A barbed wire entanglement running from Bernhard valley opposite Hill 187 to the northern railroad line (Nordbahnlinie).

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- b. A barbed wire entanglement which begins at Blaustauden (48°43'N, 16°28'E) about 1,100 meters northwest of Hill 185 and runs northeast along the Austrian border to Hill 185, near Mitterhof (48°46'N, 16°27'E).
 - c. A barbed wire entanglement in the Wildenduernbach (48°45'N, 16°30'E) area about 100-200 meters from the border, running from Hill 185 to Hill 255.
 - d. A barbed wire entanglement, about 1,200 meters long, running from Reistenwald (48°44'N, 16°44'E), Hill 291, in a northwesterly direction above the Schrattenberg (48°44'N, 16°43'E)-Feldsberg (48°45'N, 16°46'E) highway toward Garschoenthal (48°45'N, 16°42'E).
 - e. A barbed wire entanglement, beginning about 1,100 meters northwest of Hill 185 near Blaustauden (where the Thaya emerges from Austrian territory), stretching northwest along the border as far as Hill 185, 700 meters west of Mitterhof.
 - f. A barbed wire entanglement, beginning about 1,100 meters west of Hill 181 where the Pulkau flows into the Thaya (48°44'N, 16°21'E), running along the bank of the Thaya about 300 meters from the border to a point about 1,100 meters northeast of Hill 181.
 - g. A barbed wire entanglement lying about 300 meters from the border, which runs from the Katzelsdorf (48°42'N, 16°47'E)-Feldsberg highway to Taubenhuegel (48°43'N, 16°46'E). In this same region the Czechs have plowed and harrowed a strip of land 8 meters wide and 2-20 meters from the border.
 - h. A barbed wire entanglement stretching from the Reinthal (48°42'N, 16°50'E)-Breclav highway, about 200 meters from the border, as far as Hill 209.
7. The following border defenses were built on Czech territory in the border region of Gmuend (48°46'N, 14°59'E):
- a. A barbed wire entanglement, approximately 200 meters long, near Pyhrabruck (48°47'N, 14°49'E) on the northwest slope of Hill 560. The entanglement extends from the Pyhrabruck-Gratzen (48°47'N, 14°47'E) highway toward the wooded area of the frontier. Whether or not it continues into the woods could not be determined. This is the first barrier which has been built in this area.
 - b. A barbed wire entanglement about 750 meters west of Boehm. Bernschlag (49°02'N, 15°03'E) running southward along the edge of a wood to the Haugschlag (49°00'N, 15°04'E)-Fichtau (49°01'N, 15°05'E) highway, crossing the southern entrance to Fichtau and continuing north of the Fichtau Pond (Hill 599) from where it runs eastward to Hill 622.
 - c. A barbed wire entanglement near Neumuehle (49°01'N, 15°01'E), about 600 meters south of Hill 549. The wire stretches eastward along a woods about 300 meters south of the Neumuehle-Boehm. Bernschlag highway through uncultivated arable land as far as a path located 500 meters north of Hill 585.
 - d. A watchtower, about 35 meters high, at the turn of the Boehm. Bernschlag-Fichtau highway.
 - e. Barbed wire entanglements are being put up north of Hill 583 on the Haugschlag-Fichtau-Boehm. Bernschlag-Neubistritz highway. One crew, working eastwards, has come within 1,200 meters of Muenichschlag. A second crew, working from Muenichschlag eastward, has reached a point above the Grametten-Neubistritz highway, while a third crew has put up a barbed wire entanglement from Hill 624 eastward as far as Hill 647.

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8. The following border defenses were built in the Hollabrunn district border area on Czech territory:
- A barbed wire entanglement about 200-500 meters from the border, which runs for about 6 kilometers from the Langau (48°50'N, 15°43'E)-Schaffa (48°52'N, 15°44'E) highway to the edge of the woods near the Breitau Jaegerhaus (48°53'N, 15°48'E), near Hill 423, where it joins a second barbed wire entanglement put up sometime earlier.
 - A barbed wire entanglement which runs eastward from Znaimer Bundesstrasse to the acacia forest located about 150 meters west of Gerstenfeld (48°45'N, 16°06'E), and from the acacia forest eastward 400 meters to the high ground of the customs house east of Gerstenfeld.
 - A barbed wire entanglement running from the Unter-Markersdorf (48°43'N, 16°07'E)-Klein Tajax highway to border marker #48, about one kilometer east of Haugsdorf (48°43'N, 16°05'E).
9. The Czech customs house next to the Thaya estuary and opposite Hardegg (48°51'N, 15°52'E) is not being used. The building, which is in perfect condition, has a thick-walled cement bunker built onto one corner, camouflaged with earth and grass. The bunker has no loopholes and in place of the loopholes there is thin masonry which can be broken through at any time. There are fortifications about 30 meters beyond the customs house on the left side of the road and 20 meters to the right of the road, which runs from the Thaya bridge toward Zaisa (48°53'N, 15°52'E), Czechoslovakia. A second bunker, to the right of the road on the northern side of the ground rising from the Thaya, has likewise been renovated and camouflaged.
10. The five bunkers in the Czech border area opposite Hardegg have been remodelled and barbed wire fences put up in the wooded expanse.
11. A wooden tower was built on the customs house in Zaisa which permits a full view of the Hardegg-Markersdorf highway. The wooden tower on top of the school in Luggau (48°52'N, 15°55'E) gives the same view.
12. Barbed wire entanglements were put up from the Bernhardsthal-Breclav railroad to the Reinthal-Breclav highway (#47) and from Hill 209 to Hill 221. Hence the Bernhardsthal (48°42'N, 16°52'E)-Breclav-Taubenhuegel railroad is closed with barbed wire about 2,500 meters east of Schrattenberg.
13. A barbed wire entanglement, about 1 kilometer long, has been laid in a semi-circle around the Czech city of Uhorska Ves (48°23'N, 16°51'E) and the levee on the March River bank opposite Angern (48°23'N, 16°50'E). This entanglement connects a cement bunker which was built in 1938 and is now again in use with the Uhorska Ves sugar factory² which lies to the south in the direction of the March levee at Hochstaedten (48°20'N, 16°55'E).
14. A barbed wire entanglement, extending about 5,500 meters, was put up from the eastern edge of the Gasswald northwest of Lexnitz (48°59'N, 15°18'E) to the north-northwest edge of the Gilgenbergwald (48°58'N, 15°22'E). This entanglement has a 5 meter opening only on the Fratres (48°59'N, 15°21'E)-Zlabings highway. A second entanglement runs from the eastern edge of the Krokovitzerwald eastward to Neu-Riegers-Piesling highway. The entanglement running from the Krokovitzerwald is in line with the barbed wire laid through the woods.
15. Barbed wire entanglements have now closed off the open fields in the border area of Waldkirchen (48°56'N, 15°21'E). The bunkers which were

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built in this area in 1938 have been renovated.

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sugar factory in Uhorska Ves has now been converted to a tank factory.

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